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SUBJECT: VISIT OF HEW SECRETARY CALIFANO - PUBLIC HEALTH GOLD

MEDAL

REF: ROME 18232

MINISTRY OF HEALTH HAS GIVEN EMBASSY FOLLOWING NOTE ON  
PUBLIC HEALTH GOLD MEDAL WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST TO  
SECRETARY CALIFANO:

BEGIN TEXT

THE AWARDS FOR MERIT IN PUBLIC HEALTH WERE ESTABLISHED  
BY ROYAL DECREE NO. 3872 OF AUGUST 28, 1867, AND SUBSEQUENTLY  
CONFIRMED BY OTHER LAWS (MOST RECENTLY THE DECREE OF THE  
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC NO. 637 OF MAY 17, 1952)  
AND WERE ORIGINALLY AWARDED TO INDIVIDUALS WHO DISTINGUISHED  
THEMSELVES DURING EPIDEMICS OR SERIOUS DISASTERS.

LATER, THESE RECOGNITIONS (WHICH INCLUDE, IN ORDER OF  
IMPORTANCE, THE GOLD, SILVER AND BRONZE MEDALS AND A CERTIFICATE  
OF MERIT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH) WERE EXTENDED TO INCLUDE PERSONS  
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WHOSE ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELDS OF HEALTH, PUBLIC HYGIENE,  
HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE AND PREVENTIVE MEDICINE WARRANTED  
SPECIAL RECOGNITION. THE CONFERRING OF THIS AWARD  
IS BY DECREE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC ON THE PROPOSAL  
OF THE MINISTER OF HEALTH, AFTER RECOMMENDATION BY THE P  
PERMANENT CENTRAL COMMITTEE WHICH REVIEWS THE MERITS OF THE  
ACTIVITIES OF CANDIDATES FOR THIS MEDAL.

IN THE CASE OF SECRETARY JOSEPH A. CALIFANO, JR., THE AWARD  
IS CONFERRED IN RECOGNITION OF HIS SPECIAL EFFORTS IN THE  
FIELD OF PREVENTIVE MEDICINE IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE  
IMPETUS GIVEN BY THE SECRETARY TO ITALIAN-AMERICAN COOPERATION  
IN THE HEALTH FIELD. END TEXT?.GARDNER

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